Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Under G. O. No. L. 925-31-Mi. 117. 44-5, dated 29th July 1948, is it not obligatory on the part of the Government to pay that amount, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It is obligatory on the part of the Government to pay the amount, but because the provision in the Budget under Town Improvement Grants was small—only two lakhs were provided for 1953-54 for the whole State—we could not straightaway sanction one lakh for one municipality. Next year, we will provide sufficient amount for this work.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Will not this delay in providing money to the Municipality enhance the expenditure, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Government is not wantonly delaying.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Was not the original estimate for over eight lakhs?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—The information we have got is Rs. 6,09,700.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Have you looked into the original estimate before answering the question? Since I happen to be the person who sent that estimate, was not the original estimate for over eight lakhs?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Six lakhs and odd, Sir. That is the answer furnished.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Has there not been a definite Government Order that at present work to the tune of six lakhs should be taken and after this is completed, another 2½ lakhs should be taken up later? Is that not the Government Order?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—No, Sir. The Government Order dated 29th July 1948 was in regard to the comprehensive drainage scheme for Chitaldrug Town which was for Rs. 6,09,700 and we have not got the original estimate here, Sir.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Has it been given for functioning, Sir? Or is the establishment still continuing to do that work without money being sanctioned?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—When there is no money for the work the establishments will have been disbanded.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are you not continuing to levy establishment charges on that scheme even though you have sanctioned no money?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—That information we have to obtain.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Are you showing similar concessions to other municipalities, Sir? I am asking with reference to answer (*c*).

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It does not arise out of this question. The present policy of the Government is to give only loans to municipalities for water-supply schemes.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Why not grants, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—That is the policy of the Government.

Ration allowance to Nurses during leave period.

Q.—896. Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware that nurses in the State Service are not permitted their Ration Allowance during the period of earned leave;

(*b*) whether they are also aware of the hardships caused to the nurses by reason of this?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—Is it not a fact that the business and industrial concerns are granting to their employees the ration allowances and that such a thing is contemplated under the Payment of Wages Act?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—The Mysore Service Regulations do not contemplate grant of ration allowance to nurses when they are on privilege leave.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—Since the business concerns and industrial concerns are paying this allowances, will the Government consider extending this principle to the nursing services of the Hospital under Government as well?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—They are governed by the Mysore Service Regulations. No dearness allowance or ration allowance can be given to nurses when they are on privilege leave.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—Will the Government in future at least consider the payment of this allowance, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—As I said, according to the rules it is not permissible and I cannot make any such promise.

Power and irrigation schemes to be taken over by Centre.

Q.—718. Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether it has come to their notice that the works relating to power and irrigation in certain scarcity areas in the State will be taken over by the Central Government; if so, whether they will furnish the particulars?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

No.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—From the answer furnished, am I to understand that there is no such move on the part of the Central Government?

Dr. R. NAGAN COWDA.—We have no information at all.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government, Sir, that such a news had come in the newspapers a month ago that the Central Government is going to take over the power and irrigation works in distress areas?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—No, Sir, I have not seen that.

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Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—What are the recommendations of the Ramamurthy Committee who toured round the scarcity area?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That was answered on Saturday; I understand a copy of the report has been placed on the table of this House.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Have the recommendations not been accepted by the Central Government?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I am not aware how many of the recommendations have been accepted. Anyway, so far as this point is concerned, we have no information.

Agriculture Extension Project (Malavalli Taluk).

Q.—755. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government to pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they proposed to wind up the Agriculture Extension Project started in Malavalli Taluk;

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons for such a proposal?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) No, but it will be converted into a National Extension Service block with effect from 1st April 1954.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—For how many places these Extension Projects were sanctioned originally, Sir?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—This Project was taken up on the arrangement we had with the Government of India in consultation with the Ford Foundation. Now the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have decided and written to us that these will have to be closed. But, in the same place we will be opening the National Extension Service.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know the reason?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The letter from the Indian Council of Agricultual Research states, "I am directed that it has been decided by Government of India in consultation with the Ford Foundation that the Agriculture Extension Project will be converted into National Extension Service Block"; so it will be changed.